(b) if so, what was the composition of the Indian delegation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to disagreement on three major areas the Indian delegation did not give its assent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) India participated in the Ministerial level meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations held at Montreal from 5-9 December, 1988.

(b) The composition of the Indian delegation is attached. (*see statement below*)

(c) Whereas results were achieved at the Montreal meeting in a number of areas covered by the negotiations, no agreement could be reached on four subjects (namely, textiles and clothing, safeguards, agriculture and trade related aspects of intellectual property rights) Owing to disagreement in these key areas, the results achieved on other items were put "on hold" until the next meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee scheduled for the first week of April 1989, when the entire package of subjects would be reviewed. The decision was taken by consensus and the Indian delegation did not express any contrary view.

Statement

Composition of India delegation

1. Shri Dinesh Singh, Minister of Commerce.
2. Shri A.N. Varma, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
3. Shri S.J.S. Chhatwal, High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Ottawa.
4. Shri M. Dubey, Secretary (IO), Ministry of External Affairs.
5. Shri S.P. Shukla, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva.
6. Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Special Secretary, Prime Minister's Office.
7. Shri A.V. Ganesan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industry.
8. Shri A. Hoda, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
9. Shri S.S. Rajan, Counsellor, High Commission of India, Ottawa.
10. Shri P.S. Randhawa, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva.
11. Shri Rakesh Mohan, Private Secretary to Commerce Minister.

Murder of a Congress (I) MLA in Andhra Pradesh

167. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any report from Andhra Pradesh Government on the murder of a Congress(I) MLA in the state; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No specific report on the murder as such has been received from the State Government.

(b) According to available information, Shri V. M. Ranga Rao, MLA (Congress-I), who was on an indefinite fast from the night of 22.12.1988 protesting against the alleged insult meted out to him by the police, was murdered in the early hours of 26.12.1988 by some unknown assailants. Bombs are reported to have been hurled at those sitting on the indefinite fast and they were attacked with sharp edged weapons.